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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: HOANH VIPHEAVINI, GACHEAKYINI TRINH,
HOANH VISALSANDAN

1. BELOW IS QUOTED IN FULL TEXT A MEMO FROM A CONGEN POLITICAL OFFICER CONCERNING SUBJECTS. ON THE BASIS OF THE SITUATION DESCRIBED IN THE MEMO, THE CONGEN REQUESTS THAT THE DEPT APPROVE THE REFUGEE STATUS OF THESE GIRLS UNDER THE HIGH RISK CATEGORY.

2. "DURING A FAREWELL MEETING, MR. TEA SUY HONG, FORMER CONSUL OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC IN HONG KONG, RAISED WITH ME HIS CONCERN OVER THE DAUGHTERS OF MR. TRINH HOANH. ACCORDING TO HONG, MR. TRINH HOANH WAS MINISTER OF INFORMATION IN PHNOM-PENH UNTIL 1974 AND LATER BECOME PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS UNTIL THE FALL OF PHNOM-PENH. THE GIRLS, AGES 18, 13, AND 9, WERE STUDYING IN HONG KONG AT THE TIME OF THE COLLAPSE AND ARE QUICKLY BECOMING DESTITUTE. NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD OF TRINH HOANH OR THE REST OF THE FAMILY IN PHNOM PENH AND I WOULD SAY IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT THEY ARE ALL DEAD. THE GIRLS HAVE TWO BROTHERS IN CALIFORNIA WHO APPARENTLY ENTERED THE U.S. AS STUDENTS BUT THEIR PRESENT STATUS IS UNKNOWN. THE GIRLS WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THEIR BROTHERS WHO, I UNDERSTAND ARE NOW WORKING, AND ICEM BELIEVES IT CAN PAY FOR THE TRAVEL IF WE ADMIT THEM. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO REQUEST AN ADVISORY OPINION FROM THE DEPARTMENT ASKING WHETHER THE GIRLS COULD BE PROCESSED AS INDO-CHINA REFUGEES?"

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3. "THE GIRLS ARE HOANH VIPHEAVINI PHNOM-PENH 12 MAY 1966

VICHEAKYINI TRINH PHNOM-PENH 28 MARCH 1957
HOANH VISALSANDAN PHNOM-PENH 10 MAY 1962"

4. "THEIR BROTHERS ARE VEAGAMIN TRINH AND VIKRAM TRINH.
THEIR ADDRESS IS: 13511-A STANLEY ST. LONG BEACH, CALIF. 90804"
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